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RIO PASS DRS HELLMANN AND FELLER

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SUBJECT: NSF OFFICERS VISIT - US-ARGENTINE SCIENCE BILATERAL

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1. DRS HELLMANN AND FELLER, ACCOMPANIED BY SCICOUNS, MET WITH CONICET INTERVENTOR CICARDO AND S&T BILATERAL AGREEMENT COORDINATOR CROSS. PROGRESS ON 3 ACTIVE PROJECTS FUNDED ON US SIDE BY NSF INT. PROGRAMS OFFICE WAS DISCUSSED. WHILE FUNDS ON ARGENTINE SIDE NOT YET FORTHCOMING FOR NEUROBIOLOGY PROJECT (FERREYRA MOYANO-KOIZUMI), CICARDO INDICATED THAT, SHOULD FUNDS NOT BE PROVIDED FROM ELSEWHERE IN CULTURE & EDUCATION MINISTRY, HE WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE THEM FROM CONICET. CICARDO EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN GLACIOLOGY STUDIES AND IN PLANNED VISIT OF BILELLO (US ARMY COLD REGIONS RESEARCH & ENGINEERING LAB.)

2. IT APPEARS THAT PERHAPS 3 TO 5 NEW PROJECTS WILL LIKELY BE SUBMITTED TO NSF AND CONICET BEFORE EXPIRATION OF NEXT DEADLINE (MARCH 31).

3. IN CALL ON FONOFF SCIENCE COMMISSION HEAD MOLINARI, VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT HE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD SOON BE A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT IN THE CULTURE & EDUCATION MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARGENTINA'S INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN CULTURE AND SCIENCE.

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4. DURING COCKTAIL HOSTED BY SCICOUNS, WE ALSO HEARD RUMORS OF
IMPENDING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, E.G. POSSIBLY A RETURN OF
CONICET TO REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE CASA DE GOBIERNO.
ALTERNATIVELY, THERE MAY BE A NEW S&T SECRETARY NAMED TO FILL THE
VACANCY LEFT BY OLIVERA'S DEPARTURE.

5. ABOVE WAS PREPARED AFTER DEPARTURE OF DRS HELLMANN
AND FELLER.
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